

# THE THOMAS COUNTY CAT.

Official County And City Paper.

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## CITY DIRECTORY.

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## CHURCHES.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH—Services every second and fourth Lord's day in each month, morning and evening, at the Court House.  
F. M. SWEART, Pastor.  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Services in the Court House on the first and third Sabbath of each month, at 10 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. in the evening.  
REV. VAN EMAN, Pastor.  
M. E. CHURCH—Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. S. R. FERGUSON, Pastor.

## I. O. O. F.

Sunlight Lodge No. 253, meets regularly every Tuesday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. All members of the order are cordially invited to attend.

## C. A. R.

Charles O. Roedel Post No. 322, G. A. R., meets the second and fourth Friday of each month at the armory, at 8 o'clock p. m. sharp. Visiting comrades invited to attend.  
J. B. MCGONIGAL, Post Commander.  
B. GUYWELL, Adjutant.

Mr. Lombard's new coat was the subject of about 20 glasses of lemonade a few evenings since.

Mr. Powell and Henry Irwin, cousin of Jesse and John Irwin, are here visiting from Phillips county, Kas.

Sam Pratt, who lives south of Colby, is back from Nebraska, where he has been at work on the railroad.

M. Donelan has sold all his interest in Quickville to J. C. Stowell and Mr. Ferguson, of the firm of Hull & Ferguson.

Mr. McCormick starts a large hardware store in Manchester this week. He is a gentleman full of life and of plenty of means. The people will gladly patronize him.

The Crumley and J. H. Dunegan have bought out Gillispie Bros' meat market and will conduct the business at the same place. They are gentlemen of business and will have a good trade.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the dictionary belonging to District No. 4 will confer a great benefit on the school by returning it to the court house.

Respectfully,

W. P. SULLIVAN.

H. B. Myers, of S32, brought in a sample of wheat. It is well filled and will yield 40 bushels per acre. It don't look as there was any drought here, and in fact it is too wet. Come west, drought stricken Easterners!

Colby is to have a residence boom soon. Six of her bloods have taken a solemn oath to each take unto himself a wife and build a handsome residence. The "Heart and Hand" has been seen lying around lately.

W. J. Howell, of Quickville, brought in a bunch of White Russian Oats Tuesday. They were filled out remarkably well and show that small grain is a success in Thomas county as well as corn. He has 7 acres and a splendid yield is assured.

W. J. Howell's large stable was burned Saturday night last, while he and family were at Mr. Halsey's, where sickness of some member of the family called them. Loss \$150 in farm implements etc. Insurance \$75. Mr. Howell and others think it the work of an incendiary. Perret out the arsonist if it be arson.

Frank Parks has bought the land notice organ of Sherman county, the Sherman County Democrat, John H. Scott retiring. His flight was high as long as he controlled all the land notices, but when they were divided his feathers dropped suddenly with the above result.

W. A. Lyon, a merchant of Fairbury, Nebr., was here last week visiting B. N. Bancroft, proprietor of the Thomas county Nursery. Last Saturday Messrs. Lyon and Bancroft went to Russell Springs, and Mr. Lyon has made arrangements to put in a general merchandise store, and will locate there permanently. He is much pleased with Russell Springs' prospects.

Antelope Williams reports that he killed one of the largest antelopes the other day that was ever seen in the county. He says there is one peculiarity of the antelope that is not common to other wild animals, that is: after they are shot they run a long distance and then drop dead and never move. This one, he says, ran two hundred yards after being shot thro' the heart.

The following lectures will be delivered before the Teachers' Normal Institute at the Armory in Colby at the specified times:

History of the Political Parties in the United States, W. P. Sullivan, Tuesday night, Aug. 2. Law, as an Element of Civilization, W. G. Porter, Thursday night, Aug. 4th. Self Culture, J. A. Gill: Language Teaching, G. W. Goodhue, Monday night, Aug. 5th. The Health of the Community, as Influenced by the Schools, Dr. Douglas, August 11th. The lectures are free. Everybody invited.

## Railroads for Colby.

While many railroads are pointing to Colby, few realize how soon they are to come, and of what importance it is to Thomas county and Colby. The renewal of the contract with the Colby Town Site company, and the extension of it till November 1, 1887, by the Colby Branch, means that the Colby branch is sure to be built and finished to Colby in October next. Dan Lockwood, agent for the K. P. R. R. Co., was at Colby Saturday last, from Topeka, and said when he made the above contract that the General Manager Potter was going to push the Colby branch. He had a letter from Manager Potter in which he said the Colby branch must be pushed and finished. The real cause of the delay is that the U. P. R. R. Co. is completing a branch from McPherson, Kas., to No Man's Land to beat the Santa Fe and secure the territory, because the Santa Fe has invaded the K. P. territory in northern Kansas, and all the force is put on that line. The whole will come to the Colby branch as soon as that is done. The suspense that has thus far attended the completion is now wholly dispelled, and Colby's property is on the boom. 24 car loads of ties are now at Oakley on the Y ready for use.

The Santa Fe railroad, so well known in southern Kansas, is now pushing out in northwest Kansas. It is built from Abilene to Concordia and will be soon done to Minneapolis, with a branch to Beloit, and the main line to Osborne, Rooks county; then she is coming direct west for Denver. That means she will go through Colby. J. B. McGonigal, well posted on all railroad building, says: "The Santa Fe is going to build to Denver through northern Kansas, and that she probably will go direct through the second line of counties."

The people of Thomas county and Colby know what this road does for a country, and should not fail to let the company know what a beautiful land we have. The Board of Trade should look after this matter.

Either the B. & M. or Rock Island is coming to Colby. The chances are that it will be the Rock Island, if the agreement is existing, as some say, namely:

That the B. & M. is to go north of the Beaver and not south, but to leave the territory south to the Rock Island. Whichever way it is, one is sure to come, and both are good roads.

That Colby is to be a railroad center no one longer doubts. Everything points that way, and railroad men begin to feel that they must build to Colby soon in order to get the territory first.

Of course the Missouri Pacific, from the east, is sure to come, and will be built to the east line of Thomas county by Jan. 1, 1888. Colby's prosperity can be beaten by no city in Kansas.

## REUNION.

There will be a reunion of old soldiers at Norton on the 4th 5th and 6th of August, 1887. Gov. Martin and Captain Johnson, of Topeka promise to be there with a dozen other lesser lights. The boys have procured suits for the camping and we bespeak for the old vets a chance to fight over the old battles in good shape.

It rained Saturday.

Mr. Dedrick has rented the Gillispie livery stable.

Friday night last the rain was long and far reaching.

County Attorney Wilcoxson went to Oberlin Monday night.

L. H. Bullers and brother have returned from their extensive trip.

G. H. Kaub went to Denver Saturday night and returned Monday.

The rain the 24th inst. extended into Colorado as far as Burlington.

Sam Yousse and Mr. Brachner went to Oberlin Sunday and back Tuesday.

Geo. Smith, of the firm of Kaub & Smith, returned from Denver Tuesday.

Gillispie Bros. went to Cheyenne Wells, Colo., where they will start a meat market.

Twelve car loads of ties came into Oakley Sunday Morning for the Colby branch.

Chas. Northrop and G. W. Friend came over from Burlington, Colo., Tuesday. They stay the town is booming and lots selling very fast.

Geo. Smith, of the firm of Kaub & Smith, Colby, was in the city last week. George has a large slice of Burlington property.—Burlington Blade.

John W. Irwin has resigned as City Councilman of Colby. There was a difference in respect to the retention of Wm. Yocum as Marshall of Colby.

R. S. Newell has let the contract for a store building 24x60, two stories high. The building will be opposite the large town company building.—Burlington Blade.

C. E. Pendavis, who lives 4 miles west of Colby, has 97 acres of broom corn. It looks fine and bids fair for a large yield. Everything can be grown in Thomas county.

## DON'T EXPERIMENT.

You cannot afford to waste time in experimenting, when your lungs are in danger. Consumption always seems, at first only a cold. Do not permit any dealer to impose upon you with some cheap imitation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, but be sure you get the genuine. Because he can make more profit he may tell you he has something just as good, or just the same. Don't be deceived, but insist upon getting Dr. King's New Discovery, which is guaranteed to give relief in all throat, lung, and chest affections. Trial bottles free at C. H. Martin & Bro's drug store.

## The Normal.

The Thomas County Normal is progressing finely and has a large attendance. Besides the instructors of the first week, is J. W. McDougal, who instructs in penmanship and drawing. Much interest is manifested in the Normal, and a grand beginning is now made for the advancement of education in Thomas county. We give below a list of the teachers at present enrolled, and list of visitors:

Frank Stewart  
Rilla Ward  
Mell Harper  
Chas W Ferguson  
Nannie Williams  
Marble Herring  
Eddie Lawrence  
Fessie McCune  
Jean Jardine  
Laura Bell  
Eva Garwell  
C C Yocum  
Jessie Walker  
Hattie Wilson  
Hattie Dedrick  
Minnie Chapman  
James M Hayes  
Franklin Leed  
Luella Ferguson  
Geo W Lindauer  
Coza Olds  
Icy P Welch  
Dee Williams  
Albert Addington  
Lillian Souders  
Eva Davis  
Abbie Richardson  
Clara Harper  
Flora Davidson  
Ollie M Bancroft  
J H Wallace  
J L Winner  
Maud Wilson  
J J Dilatush  
Laura Hayes  
Edna J Heming  
Lillie Tuiler  
Laura Weld  
L L McCormick

## North Pole.

These fine rains we have been having the last three weeks have helped out crops wonderfully.

Crops are looking well, and if frost holds off we are sure of a good crop.

Things are all quiet now.

No more weddings or divorce cases to report this time.

Mr. Towless has just completed one of the best and houses on the Prairie Dog.

Some dissatisfaction in school district No. 57 about the location of the school house.

Harris Brooks is speculating in Quickville lots.

Mr. Case's school closes this week. He has been quite successful and he sincerely hope the board will keep him as long as they can.

C. C. Yocum and J. P. Pfriemer will attend normal.

Both will teach this winter if they can procure schools, which we think they surely can, as they are both first class teachers.

Wonder what became of two of the bachelors who strayed off from home Sunday night. Hope they were not stolen. Any information concerning their whereabouts would be thankfully received at the G. A. R. lunch counter in Colby, by the young lady that shakes the lemonade.

Q. Pendavis and Stratton will have another rub this week.

Mr. Reed has a wind mill up now, and that means no more pumping water by hand these hot days.

Henry Kirk left for Nebraska after taking a free claim in Colorado.

J. T. Pfriemer sold his tree claim to a man from Wisconsin.

We hear they are going to start a town over south on the Solomon. Wonder why North Pole can't start on a boom too?

A boy told us that the County Attorney goes to Shawnee county pretty often, where his sister is teaching school. What does that mean? Are we going to lose our last teacher for county officer?

George P. Pfriemer is packing rock in Mr. Woodruff's well.

Smith Woods is happy over sixty-five acres of the finest corn in Thomas county.

Mr. McPherson has a touch of the Colorado fever now.

Henry Sayre has ninety-six acres of millet, all growing fine.

HAWKEYE DICK.

MANITOU SPRINGS, COLO., July 22, 1887.

TO EDITOR OF THE CAT:

Thinking some tired and weary citizen of Colby, in the future, may conclude to stop booming town lots long enough to tie himself to some secluded nook, and take a cool breath of mountain air. I will just suggest that if there is a spot within the domain of this broad land which comprises more of the elements which make a perfect solace for the tired brain, or otherwise impaired machinery of man, mental or physical, than Manitou Springs, the writer hereof has never found it.

It is a town of about 600 inhabitants, (ordinarily), while during the "heated term" its numbers are increased by pleasure, health and rest seekers to several times that number.

It is nestled amid the Rockies, 6124 ft. above sea level, 5 miles from Colorado Springs and 80 miles from Denver, hemmed in on all sides, except the east, with huge mountains, clothed in green verdure, while far above in the distance, shoots heavenward, 14,500 feet above sea level, the venerable Pike's Peak, capped and crowned with everlasting snow. An attempt to describe the grand surroundings of this little Sanatorium, consisting of Cheyenne Canon, William's Canon, Grand Caverns, Cave of the Winds, Rainbow Falls, Garden of the Gods and a hundred other mysterious and interesting geological formations: its streams of pure sparkling water, which pour from the mountain gorges, and go tumbling onward, "foaming and dancing in the sunlight;" its mineral springs, six in number, of gushing, invigorating waters; its pure air, refreshing showers and mountain breezes, is a task beyond the power of thought or pen. Such awe inspiring grandeur and picturesqueness must be gazed upon, inhaled and drank in, in all their completeness to be fully appreciated.

Its points of interest are not wholly confined to natural things, for while it would seem that nature had so walled in its borders, by rock-ribbed mountains that the town could only be approached by foot paths and Indian trails still the indomitable energy of man, backed by vast wealth and giant powder, has made it accessible by a splendid carriage road and two railroads—one the Denver & Rio Grande, for local advantage; the other, the Colorado Midland, destined for Salt Lake City and beyond, opening up to the public gaze the grandest mountain scenery in America. It is a marvel of human skill and engineering. It passed two-thirds around this town, high up in the mountain side; and as one daily gazes at the trains making their circuitous way along the road bed, which spans vast chasms and passes through artificial tunnels, whirling amid the storm clouds along "eleven mile canon," one naturally wonders if there is an end to human skill. Manitou also possesses all the modern improvements, such as electric lights, water works, splendid hotels, etc., etc.

Kansas is well represented among the tourists and guests of Manitou: prominent among the guests of the "Sunny Side House" (which, by the way, is a gem, the embodiment of all that makes a hotel comfortable and homelike) are Hon. J. P. Grove, of Abbotney, L. E. Steele, of Newton, N. T. Snider, of Arkansas City, Geo. P. Glaze, of Wichita, and J. E. Jenkins, the cowboy artist, of Topeka.

"TECUMSEH.

## Otterbourne Items

The surveyors are at work surveying the new town.

The new bridge is completed across the Sap-pa at Otterbourne.

Miss Lidia Stepiens has returned from Republican City and brought her grandmother, Mrs. Keller, with her.

Mr. James Dungan will start this week for the east on business.

J. T. Hattan has gone to work on the railroad.

The base ball boys are to have their new suits made this week. Think they can play better after they get them.

Mr. C. W. Seymour is very much pleased with his new Eureka windmill. It was put up by Mr. L. N. Hitchcock.

Mr. E. J. Montgomery is busy cutting hay.

PAULINE.

## NORTH SOLOMON.

Grandma Welch is sick.

The recent rain filled many hearts with gladness. We cannot help having faith in Him who giveth the rain in due season.

The Sabbath school, which is held at Mr. Douglas', meets at 3 o'clock p. m., instead of 10 a. m.

Rev. McHenry is expected to preach every two weeks at the above place.

Rev. McHenry's companion being sick, he was unable to be with us on last Sunday.

We return thanks to the Green Valley Sunday School for their invitation to the picnic at Mr. Stewardson's grove.

We hope that all who are interested in behalf of the Sunday School may meet with us, and not be drawn elsewhere by some one who is trying through spite-work to break up the S. S. and day school picnic.

Miss Nellie Peaslee has returned home.

Miss Welch is attending the teachers' institute at Colby.

All come out to the school meeting and vote bonds to build a new school house.

Mr. J. J. Peaslee made proof lately, which was reported as being a good one.

Mr. Thompson, our musician, is giving lessons on the organ a few miles up the Solomon. We advise all who are wishing to take music lessons to embrace the opportunity with one who understands music.

No doubt will come again.

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## Gem Cleanings.

All quiet at Gem.

Weather fine, crops look good.

Everything seems to be full of life and prospering.

Mr. S. P. Campbell is on the sick list.

S. R. Jenkins has returned from his visit.

A bran new boy at Horace Saddle's. Guess Thomas county will have about as big crop of boys as of town lots this year.

Gem is on a boom and don't you forget it.

J. W. Ellsworth has a new wind mill, and will move his store onto the town site in a few days.

There will be a big crowd at the picnic the 25th, if Gleaner does advise all to stand by those who love Union and harmony. Now I will plainly state this matter so people can see who is to blame:

1st. Mrs. Barnhill had a picnic the last day of her school, and invited our school. Our teacher took her school and had a good time.

At the close of the picnic our teacher invited all present to attend her picnic at Gem on the 25th inst. So our District Treasurer (the man our teacher was boarding with) did not want the picnic to be at Gem, and so he plotted and schemed the plan of getting up a Sabbath School picnic as to have both together and get the people to work to his plans, and get the teacher to take her picnic to Stewartson's grove, greatly against the wishes of her scholars, leaving the vote to the Sabbath school. Now I am just as much in favor of union and harmony as anyone, and like to see enlightened people live in peace and quietude.

Now friendly readers, who do you think is the wolf in sheep's clothing. Well, I will close, for I expect soon that my under jaw will hang down so that I can't talk.

Gem will have a free dinner the 25th. Ice cold lemonade to drink with dinner free.

All the children will be treated at half past eleven o'clock to candy and lemonade.

The band will be on hand to fill the air with music.

We will have a good shade on the nice grass, while at Stewartson's they will have plenty of dust, as the grove has been cultivated this summer.

Our game of base ball in the afternoon will draw a large crowd, and Gem has plenty of cold water right from the well.

Come! Come! welcome all to our picnic, the 25th of July, 1887.

Yours respectfully,

J. W. ELLSWORTH.

District No. 9, Friday, July 15, 1887.

Friday was the close of Miss Villa Munn's school. Early in the morning friends and parents of the school began to assemble. By noon the school house was full. Then the ladies began to arrange things for dinner. It was soon prepared, to which all did justice. At 1 o'clock school was called to order and the following programme was successfully carried out:

Salutatory.....Emma Noonon  
Dec. Liberty.....Jesse Smith  
Rec. The Bird's Nest.....Maggie Fuller  
Dec. Little Stars.....Bruce Cullison  
Song Fair Charlotte, Misses Ona Ida Noonon and Anna Susie Young.

Rec. I Learn to Bake.....Daisy Carroll  
Dec. Kindness.....Charles Young  
Select Reading.....Leona Noonon  
Dialogue, The Last Pencil, Lulu Royce and Susie Young.

Dec. I'll never use Tobacco.....John Cullison  
Song, High in the Belfry.....School  
Rec. Where's Mamma?.....Elsie McAfee  
Dec. The Kitchen Clock.....Emery Moore  
Song, The Menagerie.....Jesse Geiser  
Rec. Time's Swing.....Myrta Fuller  
Dialogue, The Picnic, Anna Susie Young, Lulu Royce, Ida Leona Noonon and Myrta Fuller.

Dec. I love Little Puss.....Gertie Barrett  
Song, Uncle Sam's Farm.....School  
Rec. The Model Husband.....Ida Cullison  
Rec. When they want to catch a Beau, Ada Royce

Composition, Countries and their products, Jesse Geiser.

Rec. Curfew Must Not Ring To-night, Ona Noonon.

Dec.....Bertie Carroll  
Rec. Little Robin Red Breast.....Elsie McTear  
Song.....Geneva George and Jesse Smith  
Dec.....Harry Barrett

Composition, Sincerity.....Ida Noonon  
Dec. A Predicament.....Bennie Geiser  
Dec. Little Fishes.....Butler Cullison  
Rec. Mistress Mouse.....Eme McAfoos

Song, Mary Dow and Maggie and Myrta Fuller  
Dec.....Willie Noonon  
Dec. My First Cigar.....George Smith  
Rec. The Little Birds.....Clara Moore

Rec. See, O See.....Charles Noonon  
Song, Vacation, Lee Royce, Anna Susie Young and Geneva Smith.

The exercises were closed by a few remarks from Mr. Noonon: he saying how well satisfied every one had been with the school, which indeed speaks well of Miss Munn as a teacher.

After presenting the scholars with cards they all returned home with happy hearts, feeling rewarded for their work.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

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## THE PIONEER

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OF THOMAS COUNTY, KAN.

To the Farmers of Thomas County:

I would respectfully call your attention to the FACT that I have just received a large and complete stock of Farm Implements for spring trade of 1887, including the celebrated Rock Island plows, cultivators, listers, harrows, the genuine Nebraska Pony Rod Breaker, also the genuine Stoddard Disc Harrows, the oldest and best on earth, the light running Olds' farm wagon Climax and Eclipse spring wagons and buggies, the Little Daisy, Red, White and Blue mower, the celebrated Deering mowers and all steel binders, the Star one and two horse rake, the quiet, easy running Star wind mills and pumps, also the Red Jacket pump, Baker barb wire by the roll or ear load, and many other goods too numerous to mention. My goods are all fresh and bright and of the very latest improved patterns. Come and see them before you buy and be convinced that I can and will give you better goods for the money than you can possibly get elsewhere. I also keep nice stock of coal constantly on hand.

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J. E. MEGLEMRE, Prop.

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FRANK H. SMITH, Manager.

## BERRY BROS.,

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